

Soon after came the ArAm//W of the Allies and the Acts of Parlianit.'iit authorizing the detention of Napoleon Bonaparte as a prisoner of war and disturber of the peace of Europe.¹ Against the 'Kill, when brought into the House of Lords, there were two protests, those of Lord Holland and of the Duke of Sussex. These oilieial documents did not tend to soothe the temper or raise the spirits of the French to endure their captivity.

In addition to the misery of his own captivity. Napoleon had to contend with the unmanageable humors of his own followers. As often happens with men in such circumstances, they sometimes disagreed among themselves, and part of their petulance and ill temper fell upon their Chief.² He, took these little incidents deeply to heart. On one occasion he said in bitterness, " I know that I am fallen ; but to feel this among you ! I am aware that man is frequently unreasonable and susceptible of offence. Thus, when I am mistrustful of myself I ask, should I have been treated so at the Tuileries ? This is my test."

A great deal of pains has been taken by Napoleon's adherents and others to blacken the character of Sir Hudson Lowe, and to make it appear that his sole object; was to harass Napoleon and to make his life miserable. Now, although it may be questioned whether Sir Hudson Lowe was the proper person to be placed in the delicate situation of guard over the fallen Emperor, there is no doubt that, quarrels and complaints began long before that, officer reached the island ; and the character of those complaints will show that at best the prisoners were persons very difficult to satisfy. Their detention at the Briars was one of the first causes of complaint. It was stated that the Emperor was very ill there, that he was confined " in a cage " with no attendance, that his suite was kept from him, and that he was deprived of exercise. A few pages farther in the journal of Las Oases we find the Emperor in

* Boo Koreyth'H Lntw. vol. i. w», 4I<M5'».

² Gtuierul Gourmand Irft St. If<>I«'}ia from jealousy of the favor shown to others. Bertram! writes, * LC (i<m'rul <toir^uu<l vionl <!<•! noun quitter, it, f.o qu'il parait d'asBcx, muuvuiBc humuur" (Du (.?uw, tomo x. p. 250). Sao alto Forgth'tf Lowe, vol. ii. p. liKj.